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Pedro S. Baranda, et al. : Date: July 20, 1999
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Title: TENSION MEMBER FOR AN ELEVATOR

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 1999, having a shortened period
of response set to expire on September 21, 1999, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 15 and 23-65.

Please amend the claims as follows.

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2. (Once amended) A tension member for providing lifting force to a car of an
elevator system, the tension member being engageable with a rotatable sheave of the
elevator system, the tension member having a width w, a thickness t measured in the
bending direction, and an engagement surface defined by the width dimension of the
tension member, wherein the tension member has an aspect ratio, defined as the ratio of
width w relative to thickness t, greater than one, [The tension member according to Claim
1, further] the tension member including a plurality of individual load carrying ropes

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